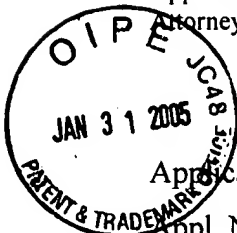


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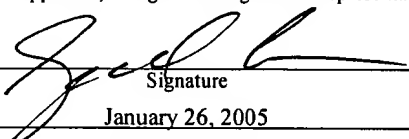
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

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